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RESOLUTION NO. <u>36-97</u>

RESOLUTION OF THE NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PERMITTING THE SHERIFF TO CHARGE INMATES FOR MEDICAL CARE AND CREATING AN INMATE HEALTH SERVICES FUND TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE SHERIFF

WHEREAS, §31-161 of the Arizona Revised Statutes authorizes the Sheriff to charge a \$3.00 co-payment fee for each inmate initiated medical service and prescription drugs dispensed, upon approval of the Board of Supervisors, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Navajo County, Arizona, seeks to defray the cost of medical services at the Navajo County Jail, and

WHEREAS, the approval of the Board of Supervisors will permit the Navajo County Jail to deliver health care more efficiently and effectively by requiring the inmates to pay for services and discouraging inmates from seeking unnecessary medical services, and

WHEREAS, the legislation requires the creation of an Inmate Health Service Fund which is to receive any revenue generated by the collection of such fees and is to be administered by the Sheriff,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Navajo County, Arizona, as follows:

1. That the Board of Supervisors approves the implementation of a co-payment fee of \$3.00 for medical services and prescriptions provided to inmates at the Navajo County Jail and consistent with the statutory requirements of A.R.S. §31-161.

2. That an Inmate Health Services Fund is established pursuant to A.R.S. §31-162. Such fund shall be administered by the Sheriff. Revenue generated by collection of co-payment fees shall be deposited in the Inmate Health Services Fund. The Board of Supervisors shall approve the use of these funds to administer or provide health services to inmates.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors, Navajo County this 10th day of March, 1997.

Jesse Thompson, Chairman

Navajo County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Judy Jones, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Melvin Bowers, Jr.

Navajo County Attorney